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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT RE DIEGO GARCIA
EXPANSION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXCHANGE RE DIEGO GARCIA IN
HOUSE OF LORDS ON JANUARY 30.

2. LORD BROCKWAY - "TO ASK HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WHE-
THER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAVE
ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO BUILD A NAVAL BASE AND AIRSTRIP
EXTENSIONS ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN; AND, IF SO, WHAT HAS BEEN THE REPLY.

3. THE MINISTER OF STATE, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE. (BARONESS TWEEDSMUIR OF BELHELVIE) "MY LORDS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1966 ANGLO/AMERICAN AGREEMENT
DISCUSSIONS ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERN-
MENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING
FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. A STATEMENT WILL BE MADE
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WHEN THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

4. LORD BROCKWAY: "MY LORDS, I THANK THE NOBLE
BARONESS. IS SHE AWARE THAT VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
WAS GIVEN TO THIS BY MRS. GANDHI AND MRS. BANDARANAIIKA,
THE SOMEWHAT UNIQUELY, WOMEN PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA
AND CEYLON, AT A CONFERENCE WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY?
WOULD NOT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THEIR PRO-

POSAL THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE NEUTRALISED AS A
SEA OF PEACE, INVOLVING NOT ONLY THE WITHDRAWAL OF NAVAL
AND MILITARY BASES BUT OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET FROM THAT
AREA?

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5. BARONESS TWEEDSMUIR. "MY LORDS, WHILE WE HAVE OF COURSE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE IDEA OF AN INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE, IT DOES SEEM TO US TO BE UN-REALISTIC, BECAUSE A ZONE OF PEACE COVERING SUCH A VAST AREA EVEN IF IT COULD BE DEFINED, WHICH IS QUESTIONABLE, WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY.

6. LORD ORR-EWING. "MY LORDS, WOULD MY NOBLE FRIEND TREAT VERY SYMPATHETICALLY ANY APPLICATION TO DEVELOP THIS BASE? SINCE THE BRITISH FORCES HAVE HAD TO WITH-DRAW FROM THE PERSIAN GULF AND SINCE THE YEMEN HAS BEEN EVACUATED, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SUEZ CANAL MAY WELL BE OPENED IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, AND WITH THE INCREASING STRENGTH OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE DEMOCRACIES SHOULD HAVE FACILITIES IN THAT AREA.

7. BARONESS TWEEDSMUIR. "MY LORDS, I QUITE AGREE WITH MY NOBLE FRIEND THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN IS CROSSED BY SEA LANES THAT ARE VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THIS COUNTRY AND OF THE WEST AS A WHOLE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE, NATURALLY, VERY CONCERNED WITH THEIR SECURITY.

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8. LORD BROCKWAY: "MY LORDS, WOULD NOT THE NOBLE BARONESS AGREE THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION OF DETENTE, GREAT MEASURES ARE POSSIBLE WHICH SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO? WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT THIS DESIRABLE OBJECTION.

9. BARONESS TWEEDSMUIR: "MY LORDS, I THINK I HAVE ALREADY DESCRIBED WHAT OUR FEELINGS ARE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL FOR AN INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE; I DO NOT THINK THIS IS REALISTIC."

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